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30-Year Sentence for Voluntary Manslaughter and Child Abuse

MINOT - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on

February 1, 2010, **James Haggerty**, 25, of Dunseith, North Dakota, was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison by United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland on charges of voluntary manslaughter and child abuse. Haggerty pleaded guilty to the charges on September 15, 2009.

The term of imprisonment will be followed by five years of supervised release.

Haggerty was ordered to pay restitution of \$3222 and to pay a \$200 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The voluntary manslaughter charge resulted from Haggerty's conduct on March 19, 2009, when he threw his three-month-old child against a wall causing traumatic injury and death to the child. The child abuse charge resulted from Haggerty's conduct from September 2008 through March 19, 2009, when Haggerty inflicted bodily injury upon his two-year-old child by striking and throwing her.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Indian Affairs - Turtle Mountain Agency.

Assistant United States Attorney Brandi Sasse-Russell prosecuted the case.

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